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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE AND TAXATION
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NOTIFICATION
The 13th October, 2025

No.19988.- The Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute the Punjab State Traders Commission to enhance the ease of doing business for traders by establishing a structured mechanism to resolve their unique concerns and trade facilitation. The Punjab State Traders Commission shall function at three levels:

- **State Level –**Punjab State Trader's Commission (PSTC).
- **District Level** - District Trader's Committee (DTC).
- **Assembly Constituency Level –** Assembly Constituency Traders' Committee (ACTC).

A. The State PSTC shall consist of the following members:

Sr. No.	Members	Position	Remarks
1.	Hon'ble Minister, Department of Excise & Taxation	Chairperson	
2.	An eminent person representing the issues of traders at the state level	Vice-Chairperson	Nominated by the State Government
3.	Administrative Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Excise and Taxation	Member-Secretary	Ex-officio
4.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Labour	Member	Ex-officio

5.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs	Member	Ex-officio
6.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Industries	Member	Ex-officio
7.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Local Government	Member	Ex-officio
8.	10 Representatives of Traders/ Trade Associations including experts/eminent persons having knowledge of matters relating to the technical or other aspects of trade	Member	Nominated by the State Government

The primary objectives of the Punjab State Trader's Commission (hereinafter referred to as "PSTC") will be as under:

- To identify and address local issues and grievances of traders and market areas across Punjab.
- To identify policy measures aimed at ensuring the welfare and well-being of traders and their employees in the state.
- To advise Government for reducing the compliance burden on traders.
- To improve access to financial resources for the traders, through schemes and support mechanisms from both the Central and State Governments.
- To suggest provisions of social security benefits for traders and their employees, including insurance, pension, healthcare, and other welfare measures.
- To work as a bridge between the State Government and the trading community, ensuring continuous dialogue.
- To act as a facilitator to promote investments, trade and employment opportunities within the state by strengthening the trader ecosystem.

B. District Traders Committee (DTC) shall consist of the following members: -

Sr. No.	Members	Position	Remarks
1.	An eminent person representing the issues of traders at the district level	Chairperson	Nominated by the State Government

2.	Chairpersons of all assembly constituency level Trader's Committees	Member	Nominated by the State Government
3.	Assistant Commissioner (General)	Member	Ex-officio
4.	Superintendent of Police (HQ)	Member	Ex-officio
5.	Senior officer representing each municipal corporation in the district (if applicable)	Member	Ex-officio
6.	District Food and Supply Controller (DFSC)	Member	Ex-officio
7.	General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC)	Member	Ex-officio
8.	Assistant Labour Commissioner(ALC)	Member	Ex-officio
9.	Assistant Commissioner of the State Tax (ACST)	Convener	Ex-officio

C. Assembly Constituency Level Trader's Committee (ACTC):- ACTC shall comprise of the following members:

Sr. No.	Members	Position	Remarks
1.	An eminent person representing the issues of traders at the assembly constituency level	Chairperson	Member of the District Level Traders Committee Nominated by the State Government
2.	10 Representatives of Traders/ Trade Associations, including experts/eminent persons knowledgeable about matters relating to the technical or other aspects of trade.	Member	Nominated by the State Government
3.	Assistant Food Supply Officer	Member	Ex-officio
4.	SHO of the concerned area	Member	Ex-officio
5.	BDPO of the Rural Area	Member	Ex-officio

6.	EOs of all the ULBs under the assembly constituency (except Municipal corporations)	Member	Ex-officio
7.	Senior officer representing each municipal corporation in the district (if applicable)	Member	Ex-officio
8.	State Tax Officer	Convener	Ex-officio

Each district and assembly constituency level committee will function with the following objectives:

- Act as a grievance redressal forum to address local issues and complaints of traders and market areas.
- Monitor on-ground implementation of welfare schemes and initiatives aimed at trader welfare and regulatory simplification.
- Liaise with local authorities, market committees and municipal units to maintain and promote a trader-friendly business environment.
- Conduct awareness and sensitisation drives within the assembly constituency to disseminate information on relevant government schemes, regulatory changes and support programs for traders.

2. The term of the Commission will be initially for two years and further extendable at the option of the Government.
3. The Commission will meet at least once in three months.
4. There will be no financial implication arising from the proposal as no allowances would be admissible and the chairperson/members will serve on honorary basis.
5. This notification shall be effective from the date of publication in the official Gazette of the Government of Punjab.

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